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Encounter With The Morgan-Scott Project

U. C. C., U. P. and Methodist congregations in these two Tennessee counties make for cooperative Christian concern.

Bob Butziger, serving the Robbins Parish, (Deer Lodge, Glenmary, Robbins) writes:

"Using one crisis after another as stepping stones, we have finally arrived in March, weary but excited about some new possibilities. It appears that our advocacy role in Health, Day Care, and Senior Citizens is paying off in tangible progress on the part of each group. We also celebrate the funding of the library proposal and the human resources who will be working with us to help develop each center.

"Then there are the numerous crises of individuals who suffer the pain of inadequate resources, malnutrition, illness, premature death, etc. Youngsters and adults who accept crisis as a way of life. We move into spring seeking hope and answers, people and funding, as together we struggle to answer Christ's call and provide the cup of cold water."

Officers of the Project Council include Farrell Kennedy, vice-chairperson, from Robbins Parish.

The Morgan-Scott Project is presently working with the Clinch-Powell Regional librarian, Mr. Rene Jordan, in helping four communities to establish multi-media communications centers.

Mae Storey writes that it is a rewarding experience to counsel with older people and try to find some of their needs, as well as disabled men and women.

"Holding on to a job where an elderly person is concerned — well or disabled — may mean more than making a living," she writes. "It means social contacts, and the solace of knowing one is not a 'has-been.'" One of the needs of the aging is just to continue to do what they have been doing in the past. Other needs they have expressed are for adequate housing and transportation, help with cooking and house work, extra spending money, and

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HOLY WEEK 1974

Palm Sunday . . . Holy Week . . . Easter (April 7-14, 1974) calls us to be more than lookers-on. Christianity is not a spectator-sport. We are participants with God in these events.

How can we participate in something that happened two thousand years ago? We can, by the grace of God, participate in the suffering and sacrifice of that week as we renounce self in favor of God, and as we pray, "Not my will, but Thy will be done." We cannot really participate in the Resurrection, but the God who raised Jesus from the dead is quite able to raise us, here and now, into new persons, to be new creatures. A new creation can develop. Thus we share in Christ's resurrection.

So, when Easter comes, we can "enter with joy upon those mighty acts whereby God has given us Eternal life." Let us celebrate with joy!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 7 — Palm Sunday
- April 11 — Maundy Thursday
- April 12 — Good Friday
- April 14 — Easter Sunday
- April 15-16 — Georgia Interchurch Association at St. Simon's Island.
- April 15, 22, May 6, 13, 27 — Lay Ministers at LaGrange College.
- April 19-21 — Ala.-Tenn. Youth Mini Conference, Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga
- April 20 — Southern Ala. Area Council at Kokomo Restaurant, Montgomery, 10:00 A. M.
- April 25-28 — Junior High Youth Camp at Roosevelt State Park
- April 26-28 — Camp Calvin Workshop, "Strengthening the Local Church"
- June 8-9 — Southeast Conference Annual Meeting, Talladega College

LET'S CELEBRATE LENT!

Perhaps the word "celebrate" seems a little out of place. After all, the Lenten season commemorates a period when the Son of God was accused, tried and murdered for a situation of which he was innocent. It was a period of time in which

MINISTERS CONVO-CATION MAY 6 - 8



The annual Convocation for ministers and wives of the Southeast Conference is scheduled for May 6-8 at Camp Sumatanga, Gallant, Alabama.

Theme for the Convocation is "Free To Be", based on Galatians 5.

Guest leaders include Valerie Russell, of the Task Force on Women, UCC, and Howard Rhys, professor of New Testament, University of the South, at Sewanee, Tenn.

It is hoped that the energy crisis will not affect attendance and enthusiasm for this happening, but regulars and newcomers will participate as shown in last year's picture above.

human "justice" was to be out-weighted forever by the grace of God.

But the joyous thing about the Lenten season is that it casts our reflections not toward the works of man — which in and of themselves are always subject to error, but it points the way toward the grace and will of God. Even more than the season of Advent, Lent demands of us celebration: for it represents the single second in time when the God of Jesus Christ gracefully freed us to be mature men and women. Through faith in the resurrection of Jesus, we are liberated to live the kind of lives that God intended for us to live. In gratitude for such a gift, we can do no less than to celebrate!

From the Pastor's Desk at
Langdale — Steve Gray

Cullman Aids Elementary School Sidewalk Project

Our Cullman church, reacting to newspaper reports of the death of a school child on a dangerous stretch of road near Courtland Elementary School, has pledged \$100.00 for the purpose of sidewalk construction.

St. John's United Church, in a letter to Courtland Elementary School, said at its January 21 meeting the governing council reviewed the situation at the school and that "it was the Council's unanimous opinion that sidewalks should be built for your children immediately."

The letter went on to ask "for the support of the people of Alabama to help build these sidewalks so that these needless tragedies will cease."

One week after the above article was published, Governor George C. Wallace ordered the State Highway Department to release \$11,000 to build this sidewalk near Courtland Elementary School. His order read, "begin construction of the sidewalk immediately and to proceed with all possible speed to avoid further tragedy and suffering."

After these funds were released, St. John's United Church received a letter of appreciation from Courtland Elementary School Principal Dennis P. Bryant. His letter read, "I am firmly convinced that your interest had a major role in influencing the decision of Governor Wallace to allocate the necessary funds for the construction of sidewalks along the highway fronting our school."

He went on to say, "In behalf of the students, faculty and parents of the children at Courtland Elementary School, I wish to thank your congregation for their most humanitarian concern for the safety of our students."

The \$100 sent by St. John's will be used to purchase equipment for a parents' safety patrol which will further insure the well-being of the children as they go to and from school.

The Rev. John E. Rhodes, pastor of the First United Church of Christ, Phenix City, Alabama for the past 7 years, has accepted the call to the Pleasant Ridge UCC, Ramseur, N. C., and will begin his work there by April 1. After his term of service in the Navy, he was pastor of Oak Grove Church before going to Phenix City.

Minister's Son Receives Award



Crestview (Florida) High School Principal Ronald Davis presented the "Sportsman of the Year Award" to Rodney Brown at a banquet recently. At that time, trophies were presented to players selected as co-captains for the year and to the athletes who demonstrated outstanding Christian leadership and sportsmanship for the season.

In making the presentation, Mr. Davis stressed the fact that the winner of the trophy had to be an exceptional player — one who could accept victory and defeat without allowing either to conflict with his attitude or performance.

Rodney is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Brown and a member of Good Hope Congregational Christian Church at Baker, Florida. He is president of the Youth Fellowship of S. Ala.-N. W. Fla. Association and a member of the Beta Club.

He was chosen by his classmates to receive this honor.

Youth, First Nashville, Plan Work Week At Back Bay

The Senior Youth Group of First Church has laid tentative plans to visit Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Miss., for a week of work beginning June 17, 1974. Back Bay Mission is a project of the United Church of Christ to under-privileged and needy people of that area.

The mission will accommodate all the youth in exchange for the work they and their leaders will do for the Mission. It will not be all work and no play since Biloxi is on the Gulf beaches, and near New Orleans.

Special commendation came to First Church from Back Bay Mission last year for playing "half-way host" to several groups traveling to the Mission from the Middle West. Use of the building was extended for staying overnight and eating both going and coming.

Conference Staff Being Trained

Rev. Warren Blankenhorn, Area Minister for Southern Alabama, spent March 11-14 in Pennsylvania, working and studying under the leadership of Rev. Horace Sills, Conference Minister of Penn Central Conference.

Mr. Blankenhorn visited Uplands Retirement Center March 15-16 and attended the meeting of the Board of Directors of Uplands.

March 26-29, Mr. Blankenhorn and W. J. Andes will be at Camp Mo-Val, near St. Louis, studying under the direction of the Council for Lay Life and Work to help churches in their search for pastors and lay leaders.

Local Church Consultants

Trained in February to help churches discover goals and plan for the future, these teams of consultants are being assigned to churches. The initial contact will be made in April. Additional training will be given the consultants April 26-28, 1974 at Camp Calvin. The teams continue their work throughout the year.

NEWS NOTES

SENIOR HI CAMP (ages 14-19) at Grandview Park in Prattville, April 5-7. Cost, \$5.00 per person for the weekend. JR. HI CAMP at Roosevelt Park, April 26-28. \$5.00 per person.

Rev. Erston Butterfield, Minister and Superintendent of the Southeast Convention 1952-55, will become pastor of Faith United Church of Christ, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 1, 1974.

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recreation and education opportunities. They have also expressed the needs for some one to talk with."

Education

The Scott-Morgan Literacy Association is ready to roll! After an exciting twelve hour literacy workshop, fourteen community citizens are using their skills to work with children who have reading problems and to help adults improve reading skills.

Spiritual Enrichment Workshop

At the beginning of the Morgan-Scott Project, we met informally on Sunday afternoons to share with each other our various religious backgrounds. These meetings were discontinued during the busy '73 summer program.

Recently, we felt the need to begin again a series of Sunday afternoon seminars. The first such seminar brought together a variety of people who experienced close fellowship and a sense of worship. At this meeting, the group decided to explore ways to communicate better with each other.

Patsy Higgins Hospitalized

Patsy Higgins, age 20, finally emerged from a three-day coma in Vanderbilt Hospital. Out of danger now, she has only a tentative lease on life, for Patsy is functioning without kidneys while waiting for a transplant. Patsy faces crisis frequently. The clinic in Wartburg called Nashville confirming her urgent need for dialysis (a lengthy procedure on a blood-cleansing machine). The familiar search began for someone to drive her to Nashville. The ambulance was afraid to make the trip for fear of not finding gas for the return trip home. It was late afternoon before a volunteer was found, and by this time Patsy was limp in her mother's arms and blood pressure had soared. The seriousness of her condition was so evident that a nurse from Deer Lodge made the trip with Patsy and her mother. Shortly after arrival at Vanderbilt, Patsy lapsed into a coma which lasted three days.

Since losing her kidneys, Patsy has traveled to Nashville three times a week for dialysis treatment — the only machines available to her. Because of the extremely low income of her family and long days involved in making the trip, two volunteers have been helping. It is not a simple task to ask of someone, for the day begins long before dawn as treatment begins at 9:00 a. m. and lasts six hours. Price and difficulty in finding gas make volunteering for this service a great sacrifice. Rev. Robert A. Butziger, Rt. 1, Box 77, Deer Lodge, Tenn. 37726, would be glad to hear from those who would help.

Robbins Youth Center Active

Following the close of the summer youth

17-76 BEGAN IN 1861

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ in 1971 authorized a financial drive to relieve the "dire financial need" of six predominantly black colleges in the South (known as the American Missionary Association Colleges) and many such institutions abroad.

With the coming of the Civil War and the desperate need of the freed slaves the American Missionary Association (formed in 1846 by northern abolitionists) soon

program, we had a party each month for youth in the community. In October we had a Hollowe'en party. A skating party was planned for March.

Health

The Morgan County Medical Center provides much needed medical care through the Morgan County Health Council.

In addition to providing medical and dental services, Public Education programs related to dental and medical care are provided. An application has also been made to the National Health Service Corps for a doctor to serve the three communities. In February, 62 interested persons met in the Center to explore possibilities for a "Health Fair."

Day Care

Both Wartburg and Oakdale will be getting Day Care in the near future from HUD. Sunbright has received some initial funding and hopes to open a small center soon, or work through HUD.

Deer Lodge Youth

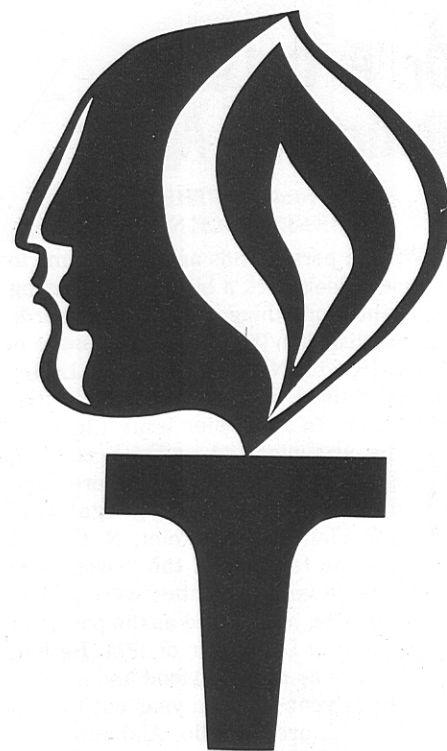
The youth in Deer Lodge have been very active recently. Various trips were taken, from Knoxville Zoo to Alabama Youth Retreat.

Eulogy for Susan

Susan Kemmer was a nineteen-year-old retarded girl who died recently. Her parents regarded her as their child who could not talk. Families and the retarded themselves do not like the word "retarded". It is wise for outsiders to learn how families describe a special child and adopt their description.

A child like Susan brings valuable traits out of so-called "normal" people. As we talked around the table the day before the funeral, the Kemmers told me stories of how people learned creativity, patience, love and peace through Susan. These stories became her eulogy. If one wonders of God's meaning in a special child, let him see virtues they draw out of those whom they affect.

—Jim Romer



began pouring massive resources into the South. The first educational mission among the Negroes began in September 1861 at Fort Monroe in Virginia when the missionary Lewis Lockwood informed the AMA board of directors that the ability to read and write was a great need and intense desire of the Negroes. This school at Fort Monroe later became Hampton Institute.

From then on teachers commissioned by the AMA literally followed on the heels of the Union Army. In 1863, there were 83 AMA teachers among the Freedmen, and by the end of the war over 300. Perhaps 500 schools were started during this period mostly located in barracks and warehouses or even under shade trees.

In 1866, AMA officials decided that the establishment of normal schools and colleges to train Negro teachers would be a more effective use of resources than attempting to provide sufficient primary and secondary schools throughout the South. By 1869 seven institutions of higher learning were chartered: Berea College (reopened), Fisk University, Atlanta University, Hampton Institute, Talladega College, and Tougaloo College. By 1876 fourteen more non-chartered normal and high schools had been opened.

The special relationship between Congregational Churches and the AMA that continues down to this day began in 1865 when a major fund drive was authorized among Congregational Churches to raise \$250,000 that year for its Southern work. Thus, the 17-76 Achievement Fund that the United Church of Christ is now participating in has a forerunner that took place over one hundred years ago.

Dr. F. C. Lester Retires (?) Again

(From: SOUTHERN
CONFERENCE NEWS)

"When a person ends an era it seems to be wise to look back a bit before plunging ahead into something else." These words were published in the June 30, 1964 issue of THE CHRISTIAN SUN by Dr. F. C. Lester as he retired as the editor of that publication. In an earlier issue (June 16, 1964) he was pictured under a caption, "Going to Lay Down My Sword and Shield." The First Congregational Christian Church, High Point, N. C., can testify to the fact that if the "sword and shield" were laid down, they were picked up again as he just retired as the pastor of that church in December of 1973. He had served there as pastor, friend and helping hand for 14 years, (with a year out to help New Hope Church in Clio, Alabama).

Dr. Lester received his license to preach in 1914 in North Carolina and Virginia. A year later he became the pastor of Haw River Church. Since then many churches in Southern Conference and two in New York "have heard my voice", as he says.

I don't think we can report that Dr. Lester has "laid down the sword and shield" yet at the age of 79, as one member of First Congregational Christian heard him say — "Well, I am retiring, but you're not going to find me in a rocking chair beside the fire — I still want to do what I can for the church; all that is necessary is that I be asked."



Millard Sims began his work as pastor at Macedonia Church, Braselton, Ga., on March 1. He continues at Duncan's Creek, Dacula, Ga., where he has served for seven years.

Worship Program Suggestions

The first packet of LAITY RESOURCES for 1974-75 contains many definite suggestions for adults to use in studying about and putting into action that phrase "WE . . . strangers no longer."

The "basic piece" for those organized groups which have monthly meetings is the worship-program book with the title as given above. However, its programs may also be used profitably for special occasions. Subjects indicate that:

WE

Strangers No Longer . People of All Kinds
Not "They" . . . Unity in Diversity . .
Keepers of the Earth (Thanksgiving) . .
Celebrating with the Family of God . .
(Christmas)

Share Our Belief . . In the Family . .
(Lent) (May Family Week)
The Family of God Around the World . .
The Church . . Laity and Clergy
In and Out of Church

To assist in carrying out this idea is a WE pin and card, which may be used for a name tag; a "WE . . . strangers no longer" decal, which is excellent to use on front of yearbooks, special bulletins, newsletters, and a personal poster, which you may provide for each home.

A folder introducing the Biblical basis for this year's programs and giving specific suggestions for Bible study related to "Strangers No Longer" is a feature some have been asking for. There is also an "Adventure in Faith" on "JESUS" in this packet.

Beyond study come commitment to action, and a folder entitled "MISSION IN ACTION" gives you ideas for involving yourself, your organization, and your church.

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FOUR BASIC FUNCTIONS OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

One is Service, or the koinonia function. This means serving and caring for others, just as Jesus has admonished us to do.

The second function of the church is to encourage and provide spiritual growth. Even if we engage in personal daily devotions, this in isolation is insufficient. We need the additional fellowship of the church in one way or another.

The third function is mission. Again we could do our own thing by ourselves conceivably without the church, yet one truth the early church learned is that we can do this more effectively together. That is one of the purposes of the Conference: to provide avenues of mission for local churches.

The fourth function of the local church is worship, or faith translation. This includes the act of worship, healing and prayer services, small group participation, Bible study, and the like.

These are not listed in order of priority, but unless a local church functions in all four areas, it is not meeting the minimal standards of a Christian fellowship. How does your church function?

—Ralph B. Ley, Minister
Wisconsin Conference

The Ga.-S. C. Association Committee on Church and Ministry is inviting prospective ministers to Atlanta for the weekend of April 5-7, to worship and study in the churches, to visit seminaries, and plan for some study, as well as prepare themselves for future service in the life of the church.

Rev. James McAdams will be installed as pastor and teacher of the East Tallassee Church on Sunday, April 21. Dedication of the new parsonage follows.

Rev. Melvin Palmer, pastor of Peace United Church of Christ, Greensboro, N. C., will be the guest speaker at the 100th anniversary of the St. John's Church, Cullman, Alabama, on May 5, 1974.

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WHO ARE THE ELDERLY?

The church has failed often to work long and hard enough to insure that no older person will face his or her later years in neglect and economic hardship and it has too often failed to provide a theological and environmental framework for viewing old-age as a creative, on-going cycle of life.

The November, 1973, issue of "Grapevine," a publication of Joint Strategy and Action Committee, Inc., provides some handles for dealing creatively with old age. We need to know, to begin with, "Who are the elderly?"

The elderly are a rapidly increasing proportion of the population.

- In 1950 only 12.1 million persons were over the age of 65; today there are over 20 million.
- Between 1960 and 1970 the over 75 segment of the population grew by 37.1 percent as compared with a 12.5 percent increase for the population below the age of 60.
- At present those over 65 make up 15 percent of the eligible voters; within the decade that proportion will increase to 25 percent.
- 25 percent of our current population of 210 million is now over the age of 60; by the year 2000, they will represent 33 percent of the population.

The elderly are poor and getting poorer.

- 4 out of every 10 persons over 65 are at or below the poverty line and the proportions are increasing.
- Only 2 million of the 7 million elderly who are impoverished are on public assistance.
- In spite of Medicare, the 1973 out-of-pocket expenses for health care paid by older persons are higher than when Medicare began. Medicare provides less than 50 percent of all health care costs for the elderly.
- 34 percent of the older person's budget is spent on rent.
- 27 percent of the older person's budget is spent on food.
- A majority of older people own their own homes, yet property taxes have increased almost 40 percent in the past four years.
- In 1970 the median income for families headed by a person 65 years and older was \$5,053, compared with a median of \$10,541 for families headed by a younger person. Half of those families with 65+ heads had money incomes of less than \$5,053 a year.
- In 1970 the median income for a person 65 and over and living alone was \$1,951. Half of these had incomes of less than \$1,951.

Elderly women are doubly handicapped.

- There are 4 women to every 3 men in the older population.
- 71 percent of the elderly men are still married, compared with 37 percent of the women.
- 16 percent of the older men live alone or with non-relatives, compared with 35 percent of the older women.
- 71 percent of women over 65 have incomes of less than \$2,000 a year. 14 percent of aged women, compared to 1 percent of aged men, have no income.
- The middle-aged or older woman who suddenly finds herself widowed or divorced is at a severe disadvantage in the labor market.

Contrary to expectations, most of the elderly are not in institutions.

- 69 percent of the older population own their own homes.
- 87 percent live in their own households.
- 4 percent live in institutions, although 1 out of every 3 persons in mental institutions are elderly.
- 70 percent of the elderly live in urban areas.

The elderly are limited both educationally and in employment.

- About 2-3 of the population over 65 have had no high school education, although this figure is likely to change in time.
- The proportion of older men in the work force has dropped from 2-3 to 1-3 in 1960 and may drop to 1-4 by 1975.
- Women over 65 make up 11 percent of the work force.

A New Church For Chinese New Jerseyites

The founding of a Chinese-speaking congregation in the New Jersey Association of Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ would be interesting in itself. The fact that a group of churches in far off Singapore have agreed to pay the transportation costs of the first minister for this congregation, the Reverend Noah Chen (formerly the associate pastor of the Orchard Road Presbyterian Church of Singapore) and his family to come to the United States, and to support this "mission" in the amount of \$3,600 per year for its first three years makes the story even more unique.

The initiative for the new congregation came from our own Mandarin Christian Church, New York City congregation of the United Church of Christ. Noting that there are more than 20,000 persons of Chinese extraction living in New Jersey, many of them in the northern area near New York City, the Mandarin Church volunteered some forty of its members living in the area to form the nucleus of a new congregation. And the Union Congregational United Church of Christ in Montclair, New Jersey, was able to provide space for office, worship, education, and fellowship activities. The new congregation held its first service last November.

The Reverend Phillip Lee, pastor of the Mandarin Christian Church, and his entire congregation have provided strong leadership and support for the project. This congregation will contribute \$1,800 per year toward the congregation's expenses; the conference and association will provide \$3,000 per year; and the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries has provided a grant of \$2,000 this year to the new church, one of fifty-five new church projects currently being supported in nineteen conferences by the Board at a total of \$138,371 in 1974.

Langdale Church Test Center

Langdale Church is one of several test centers selected by the United Church of Christ to try out a new curriculum to be published by the Council of Lay Life and Work, named "Morality U. S. A."

Before going to press, however, "Morality U. S. A." was tested at a number of churches; therefore, groups from Hillside, Todd, and Lanett churches participated in this test. All that was needed was a Bible and a pencil to have their opinion represented. This was a truly congregational venture which should bear fruit in the series of Faith Exploration events this next fall and winter.

—J S A C Grapevine, 11.73

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- SSI checks will be sent to eligible persons once a month by the Social Security Administration.

Who Can Qualify?

- You qualify if you are a single person, 65 or over, with a total income of less than \$224 a month; (or less than \$345 a month if you are working).

If you qualify you should apply now.

- You qualify if you are blind or disabled of any age with a total income of less than \$224 a month; (or less than \$345 a month if you are working).

If you qualify you should apply now.

- You qualify if you are a couple who are both either 65 or over, or blind or disabled with a total income of less than \$314 a month (or \$674.86 if either of you is working). If you qualify you should apply now.
- You still qualify:
If you own a house valued at \$25,000 or less
If you own a car valued at \$1,200 or less
If you have a bank account, stocks, etc., the combined value of which is \$1,500 or less (\$2,250 for a couple)
If you have insurance policies with a total face value of \$1,500 or less.
- If you now receive aid to the aged, disabled or blind from the Department of Social Services, you will automatically be transferred to SSI.
After January 1, 1974, you will receive your check monthly (not twice a month) from the Social Security Administration.

You do not have to apply.

What Happens with Medicaid?

- If you are accepted for SSI you will automatically receive Medicaid. You will not have to apply for Medicaid.

WHAT HAPPENS WITH FOOD STAMPS?

- As of now, the cost value of food stamps will be included in the SSI payment. If you receive SSI, you will no longer be eli-

gible for food stamps. (Congressional amendments may change this.)

HOW MUCH CAN YOU RECEIVE FROM SSI?

- If you now receive aid to the aged, blind, or disabled from the Department of Social Services, you will continue to receive at least as much SSI and the limits listed below do not apply to you.
- The most you may receive from SSI, if you are an individual living alone, will be \$130 a month plus what your state may augment.
- The most you may receive from SSI if you are an individual living in someone else's household will be \$86.70 a month plus your state's amount.
- The most you may receive from SSI, if you are a couple living in your own household will be \$195 a month SSI, plus what your state may augment.
- The most you may receive from SSI, if you are a couple living in someone else's household will be \$130 a month SSI, plus your state's amount.
(These figures might be lowered depending upon your income. Only a Social Security worker can determine that.)

WHERE AND HOW SHOULD YOU APPLY FOR SSI?

- Apply at your local Social Security Office. The office nearest you is listed in the phone book under UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT-HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF.
- Do not apply if you now receive public assistance.
- Before you go to the Social Security Office, telephone the office to find out what papers you should bring with you.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

- Telephone your local Social Security office if you have any questions or think you might be eligible for SSI. The office nearest you is listed in the phone book under UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT - HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF.

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PROFESSORS WILL TRAVEL

A plan to take college professors out of the classroom and into the village on the island of Mindanao, the Philippines, will be supported by the overseas mission arm of the United Church of Christ.

The Rev. Dr. David M. Stowe, executive vice-president of the United Board for World Ministries, announced here a grant of \$6,500 to a program at Southern Christian College, Midsayap, which sends faculty members to work in out-lying villages during the summer months.

The money comes from the Alford C. Carlton Leadership XXI Fund. Dr. Carlton was chief executive of the Board and its predecessor agency for 16 years until 1970.

During the two-year pilot project 35 faculty members will begin to attack the area's massive illiteracy problem. They will train villagers to help others learn how to read and write. The traveling professors will also show how to take advantage of government programs and agencies and how to set up cooperatives and credit unions as part of Operation FOCUS (Faculty Operation in Community Understanding and Service).

The Rev. Paul B. Robinson, who has been serving the Waialae UCC in Hawaii, has received a call to the Parkway UCC, Winston-Salem, N. C., and plans to begin his work there June 1. Paul and his wife, the former Dorothy Lester, served the Clio Church for a summer while students at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut.